

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 13, 14, 17, 18 and 20-23; and

add new claims 24-30 as follows.

1-12 (cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

storing a list of subscribers in a phonebook application in a subscriber device;

storing presence information of the subscribers in the phonebook application, said presence information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call;

opening the phonebook application in response to a predetermined input from the user interface;

displaying the list of subscribers on the user interface;

in response to the user's selection of two or more individual subscribers for a new ad-hoc group call from the list via the user interface, displaying a group communications menu on the user interface; and

in response to the user selecting a predetermined operation in the group communications menu or the user pressing a predetermined button, providing appropriate signaling with a group communication service in a network infrastructure for establishing

~~an~~ said new ad-hoc group call ~~of~~ with ~~the~~ said newly selected individual subscribers and the user of the subscriber device; and

sending a speech item or a speech item request each time a talk activity is detected or indicated in the subscriber device during said ad hoc group call, wherein said the speech item or said speech item request is sent based on real-time transport protocol.

14. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

storing a list of subscribers in a phonebook application in a subscriber device;

storing presence information of the subscribers in the phonebook application, said presence information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call;

opening the phonebook application in response to a predetermined input from the user interface;

displaying the list of subscribers on the user interface;

receiving the user's selection of two or more individual subscribers for a new ad-hoc group call from the list via the user interface; and

in response to the user pressing a predetermined button, providing appropriate signaling with a group communication service in a network infrastructure for establishing ~~an~~ said new ad-hoc group call ~~of~~ with ~~the~~ said newly selected individual subscribers and the user of the subscriber device; and

sending a speech item or a speech item request each time a talk activity is detected or indicated in the subscriber device during said ad hoc group call, wherein said the speech item or said speech item request is sent based on real-time transport protocol.

15-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

~~a storage device configured to store a phonebook application containing a list of subscribers and presence information of the subscribers, said presence information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call;~~

a controller ~~a user interface~~ configured to display ~~the~~ a list of subscribers of ~~the~~ a phonebook application on a user interface, said phonebook application containing said list of subscribers and presence information of the subscribers, and said presence information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call; and

a said controller being configured, in response to the user's selection of two or more individual subscribers for a new ad-hoc group call from the list via the user interface, to display a group communications menu on the user interface, and

said controller being configured, in response to the user selecting a predetermined operation in the group communications menu or the user pressing a predetermined button, to exchange appropriate signaling with a group communication service in a

network infrastructure for establishing ~~an~~ said new ad-hoc group call ~~of with the said~~ newly selected individual subscribers and the user of the apparatus; and

said controller being configured send a speech item or a speech item request each time a talk activity is detected or indicated in the apparatus during said ad hoc group call, wherein said the speech item or said speech item request is sent based on real-time transport protocol.

18. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

~~a storage device configured to store a phonebook application containing a list of subscribers and presence information of the subscribers, said presence information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call;~~

a controller user interface configured to display ~~the~~ a list of subscribers of ~~the a~~ phonebook application on a user interface, said phonebook application containing said list of subscribers and presence information of the subscribers, and said presence information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call; and

~~a~~ said controller being configured, in response to the user's selection of two or more individual subscribers for a new ad-hoc group call from the list via the user interface, to display a group communications menu on the user interface, and

said controller being configured, in response to the user's selection of two or more subscribers from the list via the user interface and the user selecting a predetermined

operation in the group communications menu or the user pressing a predetermined button, providing appropriate signaling with a group communication service in a network infrastructure for establishing ~~an~~ said new ad-hoc group call ~~of the~~ with said newly selected individual subscribers and the user of the apparatus, and

said controller being configured send a speech item or a speech item request each time a talk activity is detected or indicated in the apparatus during said ad hoc group call, wherein said the speech item or said speech item request is sent based on real-time transport protocol.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A ~~storage~~ computer-readable storage device medium comprising an executable ~~computer~~ program that includes,

a phonebook application routine configured to store a list of subscribers in a subscriber device of a communications system, and to store presence information of the subscribers in the phonebook application, said presence information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call;

a routine configured, in response to receiving, via a user interface from a user of the subscriber device, group call activation with a selection of two or more individual subscribers for a new ad-hoc group call from the phonebook to provide an appropriate signaling with a group communication service in a network infrastructure for establishing

~~an~~ said new ac-hoc group call of the ~~with said newly selected~~ individual subscribers and the user of the subscriber device; and

a routine configured to configured send a speech item or a speech item request each time a talk activity is detected or indicated in the subscriber device during said ad hoc group call, wherein said speech item or said speech item request is sent based on real-time transport protocol.

21. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a radio transceiver with a group communication capability;

a memory containing a list of subscribers of a phonebook application, and presence information of said subscribers, said presence information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call; and

a controller connected to a user interface from a user of the apparatus via which a group call activation can be received with a selection of two or more individual subscribers for a new ad-hoc group call from said list of the phonebook application,

said controller being further connected to said transceiver to send via said transceiver to a group communication service in a network infrastructure an ad-hoc group call setup signaling for ~~a~~ said new ad-hoc group call ~~group of~~ with the newly selected individual subscribers and the user of the apparatus; and

said controller being configured send a speech item or a speech item request each time a talk activity is detected or indicated in the apparatus during said ad hoc group call,

wherein said speech item or said speech item request is sent based on real-time transport protocol.

22. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable ~~program~~ ~~distribution~~ medium encoding ~~a computer~~ an executable program of instructions being configured to control a processor to perform:

storing a list of subscribers in a phonebook application in a subscriber device;

storing presence information of the subscribers in the phonebook application, said presence information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call;

opening the phonebook application in response to a predetermined input from the user interface;

displaying the list of subscribers on the user interface;

in response to the user's selection of two or more individual subscribers for a new ad-hoc group call from the list via the user interface, displaying a group communications menu on the user interface; ~~and~~

in response to the user selecting a predetermined operation ~~in the~~ group communications menu or the user pressing a predetermined button, providing appropriate signaling with a group communication service in a network infrastructure for establishing ~~an~~ said new ad-hoc group call ~~of the~~ with said newly selected individual subscribers and the user of the subscriber device; ~~;~~ and

sending a speech item or a speech item request each time a talk activity is detected or indicated in the subscriber device during said ad hoc group call, wherein said the speech item or said speech item request is sent based on real-time transport protocol.

23. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable ~~program distribution medium~~
encoding ~~a computer~~ an executable program of instructions being configured to control a
processor to perform:

storing a list of subscribers in a phonebook application in a subscriber device;

storing presence information of the subscribers in the phonebook application, said presence information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call;

opening the phonebook application in response to a predetermined input from the user interface;

displaying the list of subscribers on the user interface;

receiving the user's selection of two or more individual subscribers for a new ad-hoc group call from the list via the user interface; and

in response to the user pressing a predetermined button, providing appropriate signaling with a group communication service in a network infrastructure for establishing an said new ad-hoc group call of the with said newly selected individual subscribers and the user of the subscriber device; and

sending a speech item or a speech item request each time a talk activity is detected or indicated in the subscriber device during said ad hoc group call, wherein said the speech item or said speech item request is sent based on real-time transport protocol.

24. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein said controller comprises at least one programmable unit.

25. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein said controller comprises at least one of a signal processor and a central processing unit.

26. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 18, wherein said controller comprises at least one programmable unit.

27. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein said controller comprises at least one programmable unit.

28. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein said controller comprises at least one of a signal processor and a central processing unit.

29. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein said apparatus comprises a subscriber terminal having a speech communication capability.

30. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein said apparatus comprises a computer device having a capability for speech communication over Internet.